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Manufacture of Shark-liver oil by the State.

* 259 Q.—SRI T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government derive any profit from the manufacture of Shark-liver oil by the State; if not, what steps are being taken to popularize the same in Northern India and in other countries; and

(b) whether the Government have ascertained the medical opinion about its quality as compared with foreign-made oil, and if so, what it is?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" (a) Yes. The Government Oil Factory, Kozhikode, has made profits for the last five years as shown below:—

	RS.
1949–50	4,579
1950–51	6,332
1951–52	42,625
1952–53	51,350
1953–54	21,350

As the factory is able to sell the bulk of its products in South India and has very little surplus to be marketed in North India, there has not so far, been any need to intensify efforts to popularise the products in North India and elsewhere.

" (b) Medical opinion has testified to the effectiveness of the Shark-liver oil manufactured at the Government Oil Factory, Kozhikode, and found it comparable to that of any imported oil."

DR. V. K. JOHN:—" Are the figures of profit ' net profits '? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" Yes Sir, they are net profits after taking into account interest charges and also depreciation in the capital account."

SRI K. BHASHYAM:—" Do they include taxes also? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" I do not know what tax Government departments pay."

DR. V. K. JOHN:—" Are there two boats plying in sea-waters in Madras for catching sharks? Are they running at a loss? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN:—" Where are these sharks caught? Is it in the Bay of Bengal or Arabian Sea? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" This question refers to Kozhikode and the hon. Member knows what ' sea ' it is."

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SRI S. SRINIVASA RAO :—"Has the shark menace in the Madras coast been reduced due to the efforts of Madras Government?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"I would like to have notice, Sir."

Construction of roads connecting all the villages in the State.

* 261 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether there is any programme or scheme of road construction so as to connect all the villages in the State ?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—"There is no such programme."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—"கிராமங்களில் ரோடு வசதியில்லாத இடங்களில் எல்லாம் எப்படியும் ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட காலத்திற்குள் ரோடு வசதி செய்து கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஒரு திட்டம் வகுக்க ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—"செய்து கொண்டுதான் இருக்கிறார்கள். இப்போது ஐந்தாண்டு திட்டத்தின் கீழ் ஜில்லா போர்டு கிராமங்களுக்கெல்லாம் லோகல் டெவலப்மெண்ட், நேஷனல் எக்ஸ்டன்ஷன் ஸ்கீம், கம்யூனிடி பிராஜக்ட் ஆகிய இவைகளின் கீழ் வசதி செய்துகொண்டிருக்கின்றனர்."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—"எவ்வளவு காலத்திற்குள் எல்லா கிராமங்களுக்கும் ரோடு வசதி செய்து கொடுக்க முடியுமென்று சர்க்கார் சொல்ல முடியுமா ?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—"கால வரை குறிக்கப்படவில்லை. எவ்வளவு சீக்கிரம் செய்ய முடியுமோ அவ்வளவு சீக்கிரம் செய்ய முயற்சி செய்துகொண்டிருக்கிறோம்."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Maintenance of rowdy sheets in the South Arcot district

20 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons in respect of whom rowdy sheets have been maintained talukwar in the South Arcot district during the last three years ;

(*b*) the criteria for including any person in the rowdy sheet; and

(*c*) the period for which such rowdy sheets are maintained?